

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 25 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 25 Mar 2023 at 02:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for snow and low cloud details on Saturday, generally high for Sunday and Monday then low for details on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 25 Mar 2023: Cold and cloudy with outbreaks of snow, mainly in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

Low Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					FOG
Fog	Dull	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Fog
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	60%	70%	70%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 25 Mar 2023

Weather: Patchy rain and summit snow at first, dying out during the morning. Outbreaks of snow, with rain in the glens, will develop from around late morning, perhaps becoming heavy at times over Argyll and the Trossachs. The snow will gradually clear south during the evening with clear spells later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% in the morning, 10-30% in the afternoon and evening, best chances over northern Lochaber.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud down to 600m at first, lifting to around 1000m in the morning. Cloud thickens again in the afternoon and evening, bases lowering to 500-600m, perhaps 900m over Lochaber.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	18/22 NE	19/24 E	15/21 E	13/19 E	18/25 E	21/29 E	18/25 E
900	15/20 NE	18/22 E	16/22 E	13/18 E	16/23 E	19/27 E	16/24 E
600	21/24 NE	23/27 NE	20/26 E	13/18 E	15/21 E	15/22 E	17/22 E
300	11/21 NE	8/15 NE	7/13 E	8/14 E	7/13 SE	8/15 E	5/10 NE
Glen	12/24 NE	10/19 NE	10/19 E	11/19 E	12/22 E	12/23 NE	10/21 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-2/-10	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-11	-5/-14	-6/-14
900	-1/-6	-1/-8	-0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-7	-2/-9	-3/-10
600	2/-5	1/-5	2/-4	2/-2	2/-4	1/-4	-0/-6
300	3/-1	4/1	6/3	5/2	4/1	3/0	2/-0
Glen	5/1	6/3	7/4	7/4	6/2	4/1	4/0
Freezing Level*	800m	600m	600m	700m	600m	500m	400m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold in the moderate to fresh easterly winds. Note lowering freezing levels, snowpack likely to become firm and icy.

Forecast for Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Weather: Mostly dry with some clear then sunny spells. A few isolated snow showers are possible in the afternoon. Dry with clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northeast becoming North 15-20 mph gusting 30 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility. Any early morning low cloud soon lifts and disperses to leave just occasional patches on the highest summits at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius.

At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius.

Freezing level: 200-300m, falling to sea level in the evening and overnight.